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In Re Application of:)
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Serial No.: 10/827,457)
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Art Unit: 1762)
Examiner: Marianne L. Padgett)
Confirmation No: 2984)
For: METHOD FOR FORMING PATTERN)
AND DROP DISCHARGE APPARATUS)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicant hereby calls the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i) copies of cited US patent and US patent application publications are not submitted herewith.

REFERENCES CITED HEREIN

The Japanese references submitted herewith were cited by the Japanese Patent Office in counterpart Japanese application no. JP 2007-099447, in an office action mailed to Applicants on July 27, 2010. The EPO and US references also submitted

herein, although not included in the Office Action, are the family members of the cited references and are being included for the Examiner's benefit.

The family of JP 11-204529 cited herein includes:

EP Patent No. 0 930 641 A2 *

US Patent No. 6,877,853 B2 *

US Patent No. 7,114,802 B2 *

US Patent No. 6,599,582 B2 **

The family of JP 2002-196127 cited herein includes:

EP Patent No. 1 238 708 A1 *

US Patent No. 6,893,103 B2 *

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No inference should be drawn that the attached list sets forth a comprehensive investigation of the prior art, that any or all are pertinent to the invention, or that any apparatus disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention.

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